

MAY ARREST THE STRIKE LEADER.

Schoenfeld Says That World Be the Contractors' Last Trump Card.

IS ALL READY TO GIVE BAIL.

Predicts the Disbanding of the Bosses and End of the Strike Next Week.

50 CONTRACTORS TO BE SUED.

Counsel for Brotherhood Tailors to Bring Actions for Back Wages to Its Members.

A rumor was current this morning among the striking Brotherhood Tailors who swarmed around Walhalla and New Windsor Halls that Meyer Schoenfeld, the leader of the Brotherhood, was about to be arrested for alleged conspiracy on the complaint of Association contractors.

"I haven't been arrested yet," said Mr. Schoenfeld, when seen by a reporter of "The Evening World" at New Windsor Hall, 412 Grand street, where the Settlement Committee is receiving the contractors who desire to sign the Brotherhood's agreement.

"I have heard the rumor. It is the last trump of the Contractors' Association, if there is anything in it at all. We have beaten them so quickly that they are desperate, and may resort to almost anything to set even."

"However, I am prepared to furnish any amount of bail, and the strike will continue until all hands return to work. I have not violated any law of which I am aware, but they may trump up a charge to bother me."

"There is something in the wind," continued Mr. Schoenfeld, "and I think that to-day or to-morrow you will hear of the Contractors' Association disbanding. There will not be fifty contractors left in the Association or outside of it to oppose us by next week, and we will have about all our men at work again by that time, and those who do not sign our agreement will be left out in the cold and will find that the contractors who have signed will get all the work and all the workmen they may require."

Leader Schoenfeld said this afternoon that 300 contractors, out of 350 in this city, had signed the Brotherhood's agreement, and given bonds. These 300 contractors usually employ 5,000 hands, and by Sunday morning that number will be at work in the shops again under the new arrangement.

In Brooklyn and Brownsville, where there are 6,000 Brotherhood men and women, a majority of the contractors have signed the agreement, and those who have already gone back to work will be joined by many more Sunday. In Newark the strike has been won and is practically over.

The remaining members of the Int'l. Union Local Assembly No. 465 of the Knights of Labor, found the Brotherhood to-day, Master Workman John Ward, and was warmly welcomed by the strikers at Walhalla Hall.

The strikers held a mass-meeting in Walhalla Hall this afternoon.

The General Executive Board of the United Garment Workers will meet Monday evening to discuss the situation in other cities.

Four tenement-house contractors who applied for leave to sign the Brotherhood agreement were rejected to-day.

ARBITRATORS HEAR BOSSSES.

Contractors Give Their Version of the Strike of the Tailors.

Beverly Ward, a well-known clubman, has begun a suit in the Supreme Court to compel his brother-in-law, Luther Kountze, the wealthy banker, to render an accounting as trustee of the estate of his father, Montague Ward, who died June 30, 1878. Ward applied to Justice O'Brien to-day for the appointment of a guardian for the infant defendants in the case.

Montague Ward left \$40,000 in trust to his four children, Beverly, Delaney and George Barclay Ward and Helen Parsons Kountze. On the death of the testator's children, the trust fund reverts to their children, the grandchildren of Montague Ward.

It is believed that Kountze has used his income of the trust estate to build up the principal instead of paying it to the heirs, thereby increasing the value of the estate for the grandchildren at the expense of their parents.

"Two or three weeks ago we received a copy of circular from the United Brotherhood of Tailors and the United Garment Workers of America, asking us to sign a new agreement governing the work in our shop for September next. We merely glanced at this new agreement, as the old one can till September and we had plenty of time.

"On examining the new contract proposed we found that section 8 would give over the management of our business to the walking delegate, who was made by it adjuster of all differences between the employer and employee, and section 9 provided that we should agree not to make it compulsory for a worker to make a certain number of garments in a certain number of hours, thus forcing us to pay the same wages to a drone that we did to the good mechanic.

"We positively refused to sign this contract. Here is Mr. Lewis, who did sign the contract, and he will tell you that yesterday morning one of his men, B. Schnitzer, put on his coat and hat and went into the shop of Mr. Lewis to tell him that a walking delegate came and told Mr. Lewis he must take this man back. Mr. Lewis said he couldn't do that, as he had his own accord and had insulted him."

"Right or wrong, you take make the decision. But Mr. Lewis said he recently indicated the fact to me, and I told him, 'John, our Association and expects no safety employees to go on strike to-night.'

"The employees have made the statement that the contractors' Association have 'weakened' and signed the contract. It is not true. I will forfeit \$100 if it is proved that the Association has signed this arbitrary contract. That contract compels the contractor to give a bond of \$400, and Mr. Lewis will be sued on that bond,

but we shall stand by him and fight the case to the bitter end."

All this was told in answer to the questions of Chairman William Purcell and Commissioner Edward Feeney and Judge Gilbert Robertson.

IN THE WORLD OF LABOR.

The new Secretary of Barbers' Union No. 1 is Jacob Hartman.

Cigarmakers' Union No. 25 has issued a 16-cent union label and savings fund.

Financial Secretary Louis Becker of Cigarmakers' Union No. 465, has moved to 127 East Second Avenue, 400 Willis Avenue, has been elected Secretary of Carpenters' Union No. 458, Machine Wood-Workers.

Furniture-Workers' Union No. 22 has decided to have a pension fund by regular assessments of 10 cents per week.

Thomas Dunsmore is the new delegate of the Electrical Protective Union, the Building Trades Union, and the Local Union.

The receipts at the general office of the Journeymen Bakers and Confectioners' International Association were \$10,000, and the expenditures amounted to \$6,425.

Delegates of the Windham-Welles Workers are assembled at Atlantic City, N. J., discussing the strike. Their demands are that the registration of the miners of 1904 should be 25 per cent higher than that of 1903.

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